

e Up Sleepyhead!

Zzzzzzzzzzz...Have you ever pressed the snooze button on your alarm clock a few too many times only to have your mom (or wife) yell, “Wake up sleepyhead!” I have to admit that I’ve experienced this a time or two. Did you know that today is “National Sleepy Head Day” in Finland? The tradition dates back to the Middle Ages, when the belief was that anyone who slept late on July 27th would be unproductive the whole rest of the year! So, in order to keep the family productive, a tradition carries on in which the last person asleep in any home may be woken up by a bucket of cold water, or in extreme cases being thrown into a lake!

How many of us might need to hear “Wake up sleepyhead!” in our spiritual life? Yes, it’s true that we often look forward to rest after a long day at work or from the daily tasks that come from family expectations. Yet, the Bible teaches that true, lasting rest comes to those who have been working for the Kingdom of God. Rest, later, is a gift for those who serve faithfully now.

Jesus invites us in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” This promise points to the peace we find in Him. But it comes with a call to follow and work for the kingdom: “Take my yoke upon you.” Revelation 14:13 says, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” Heaven offers perfect rest. It is for those who have labored on earth in God's service. Their good works go with them. Further, the writer of Hebrews tells us, “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.” We must work now so we can rest later. Our Lord worked hard during His time on earth. He taught, healed, and gave Himself for us. In the same way, we are called to be active in faith. Colossians 3:23–24 reminds us, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.” Galatians 6:9 encourages us again, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Small acts of service, done day after day, prepare us for the eternal rest.

Think about your own schedule. There are the regular chores at home, work expectations, and family time, but have you built into that schedule time for prayer? How about Bible study? Service for the church? Attendance at worship services? These things may seem ordinary, but God sees them. They build toward the day when we will lay down our burdens and rest eternally.

National Sleepy Head Day can prompt us to reflect. We all need sleep and times of renewal. Yet we should not grow idle in our faith. As we go through this week, let us serve with glad hearts. Let us look forward to the rest that awaits those who trust and obey. May God give us strength for the tasks before us.

On Our Prayer List...

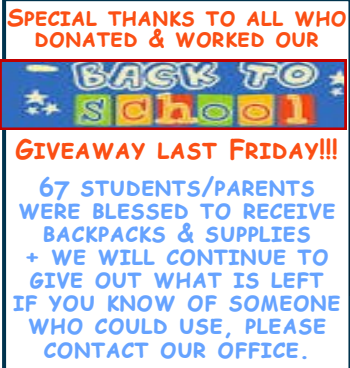
*May we always be using God’s blessing & power of prayer for one another: Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them they should always pray & not give up. Luke 18:1.

[\[Recent Medical concerns/updates\]](#) [\[Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery\]](#)
*June Brake-(Kristie Green’s mom) car wreck-broken should-keep in prayer *Aaron Sears (son of Tammy Sears)-procedures on Aug 4th –prayers
*Walter Holland-of this community, serious health issues-keep in prayer. *J.C. Enlow’s(son-in-law) just had serious back surg—prayers

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER	
*Jimmy Phy-CA *Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment *Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA *Hudson Jones-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC–Leukemia) *Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA *Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments *David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad)& Drew Swearns step-dad	*Marsha Patrick-radiation therapy *Casey Vailes *Chris McCurley-Walnut St coC *Bill Bieneman-(Mike Burns cousin)- liver CA-lives in TX) *Brian Gill-CA *Mack Winstead -CA-continued prayers *Houston Howell *David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder *Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart’s mom *Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA *Jerry Honea –cancer, prayers *Dwight Profitt-cancer, prayers

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.						
*W. R. & Louise Long	*Hattie Tate	*Al & Vicki Peek	*Jerry Martin	*Faye Featherstone	*Becky Palk	*Carlene Davis
*Bonita Madewell	*Sherry Harvey	*Jim & Betty Sudeath	*Traci Adams	*Scottie Lashlee	*Kay Monroe	
*Jackie Harvey	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson	*Joe Wright	*Judy Simpson	*Joanie Coleman	*Clay Crafton
*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Scotty Palk	*Josh Barnet	*Lance Davis	*Archer Schindel	
*Frances Simpson	*Daniel McCarson	*Marcia Simpson	*Nancy Daniel	*Claude Hurt	*Thelma Davidson	
*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN						

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}		At Home in McEwen
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363	Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726-(Traci Adams dad)	Gary Davis-(now hm)-4126 Hurricane Ck Rd
AscensionSt Thomas Three Rivers Rehab: 451 Hwy 13 Waverly Tn 37185	Jimmy Tyler-rm 101 & Wayne Jones-rm	Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street
Humphreys County Rehab/NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185	Jane Ridings–rehab/rm 713	Jimmy Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd
	& (Sonya Rachford’s mom)-June Dreaden-room)	Outside McEwen
NHC-812 N charlotte St. Dickson, TN 37055	Aineita Rye-for rehab (Rm)	Joe & Betty James-keep in prayer- 8516 Burleson Ln, Murfreesboro, TN
Waverly Hills Post Acute – 895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185	Bertha Bradford- room 102A	37129

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		Our sympathy & prayers to the families of John T. Watkins & Rita Oliphant both services where held on July 27th & both had special ties to some of our members here.
		
Our 2026 Summer Series begins this week "The One Church: God's Design, Christ's Body: Eph 4:4-6		
JULY 29 TH JOE RHODES CAMDEN COC		
AUGUST 5 TH RICK BRUMBACK CHRISTIAN CHAPEL		
AUGUST 12 DONNIE DEBOR RIPLEY(MS) COC		
AUGUST 19 BRANDON BAKER POPLAR GROVE COC		
AUGUST 26 DEAN DUKE BAKERVILLE COC		

IN F.O.C.U.S.	Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation
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We had a couple of different activities last week with our youth. The first one was our Breakfast and Bible Study (which was actually a lunch and bible study) on Wednesday at 11:30. We had bible study together followed by lunch at Dairy Queen. After lunch we had a service day that consisted of cleaning and washing both vans, getting the School Supply items set up and ready for Friday. Afterwards we started getting food ready for our 4th Wednesday night meal. The kids helped prepare the sliders and make deserts. It was a good day, and I appreciate the kids that came. Our final activity was our devotional on Sunday night. We had 18 youth and 7 adults in attendance. We began with a time of singing followed by a great meal and fellowship together. I appreciate Laurie for fixing the food and for all the kids and adults that came.

In Him, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 2nd 2026

WelcomeJimmy Suddeath
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Drew Buttrey
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....John Hurt
Terry Parchman Glenn Ross
Mike Tyler Robert Proctor
Bruce Mayfield Wayne Vaughn
Closing Prayer.....Billy Buttrey
Collect Cards.....Abel Tummins
& Luke Jones
Greeters.....Lee & Kelsey Rose
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #3

Sunday 6PM August 2nd, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Wayne Coates
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Mike Robertson
& Jon Holland
Closing Prayer.....Thomas Cook

Wednesday 6:30 PM, August 5th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Bill Williams
Prayer.....Gerald Curtis
Adult Class..Summer Series Speaker)..Rick Brumback

* If you are unable to serve.....please contact

Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

*If changes need to be made in scheduling please
contact Jimmy Phy.

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Return Service Requested



*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our *Facebook* page or our *YouTube* page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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OUR RECORDS for 7/26/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	---	121
Sunday Morning Worship	---	203
Sunday Evening Worship	---	107
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	---	115
Sunday Contribution	---	\$8,163



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
Worship.....10:00am
Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study.....6:30pm

Elders:

Calvin Buckner

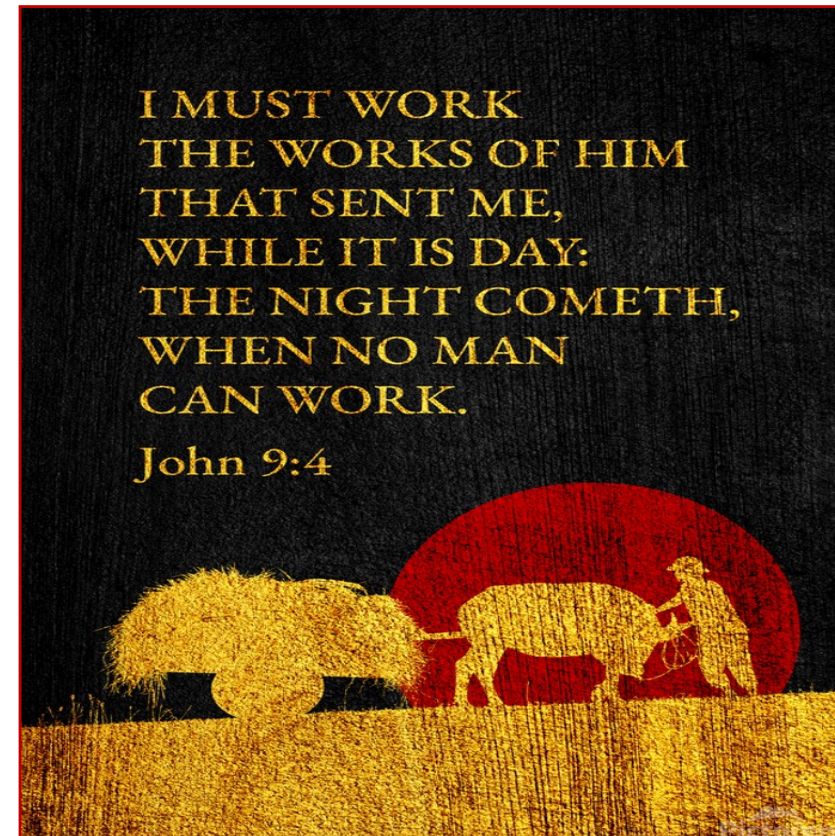
Billy Buttrey	Bruce Mayfield
W.R. Long	Mike Robertson

Deacons:

Derek Berryman	Mike Burns
Wayne Coates	Mark Forster
John Hurt	Barry Phy
Robert Proctor	James Ridings
Joe Smith	Dwight Stuart
Ethan Tummins	Wade Tummins
Ronnie Tyler	

Staff:

Ministers	-----	Every Member
Pulpit	-----	John Jones
Youth	-----	Keith Grigsby
Secretaries	-----	Terri Tummins Teresa Fleming



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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. To provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to.

Team - there may be cards to work on downstairs this Wednesday night.?